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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the due date for filing a Response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2003, be extended from September 24, 2003 to December 24, 2003.

A check for the extension fee of \$475.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) is enclosed.

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